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SUBJECT: CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS' VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A) LOURENCO MARQUES 689; B) PRETORIA 2401

1. CONGRESSWOMAN CARDISS COLLINS VISITED SOUTH AFRICA JUNE 26-29, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIRC STAFFER LESLIE YATES. MRS. COLLINS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO BE IN COUNTRY ONLY EIGHT HOURS ON JUNE 26, BUT THIS WAS PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDED SO THAT SHE COULD MEET WIDER RANGE OF PEOPLE AND VISIT A HOMELAND.

2. MRS. COLLINS HAD VALID SA VISA, BUT SPECIAL PERMISSION HAD TO BE OBTAINED FROM SAG TO ALLOW MRS. YATES, WHO WAS DENIED VISA, TO ACCOMPANY MRS. COLLINS. ON INITIAL REQUEST SAG GRANTED PERMISSION TO EVENING OF JUNE 27, AND GAVE EXTENSION TO EVENING JUNE 28, AND FINALLY TO MORNING JUNE 29, IN EACH INSTANCE TO MATCH EXTENSION OF VISIT OF MRS. COLLINS.

3. EMBASSY ARRANGED WIDE PROGRAM FOR MRS. COLLINS AND YATES, WHICH FIRST DAY INCLUDED TOUR OF SOWETO, LUNCHEON WITH PROMINENT BLACK SOCIAL WORKER, AND MEETING AND ADDRESSING URBAN BANTU COUNCIL. AFTER RETURN FROM SOWETO RECEPTION WAS HELD AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENT WITH GUESTS RANGING FROM NATIONAL PARTY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO LEADER IN BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT.

4. PROGRAM FOR SECOND DAY INCLUDED VISITS TO CHRYSLER

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AND IBM HEADQUARTERS, LUNCH AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH

BLACK AND WHITE GUESTS, COURTESY CALL AT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ( WHERE MRS COLLINS DELIVERED LETTER FOR PRIME MINISTER VORSTER FROM CHAIRMAN CHARLES DIGGS, FOR TEXT SEE REF A), AND PRESS CONFERENCE ARRANGED BY PAO (REFB). FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE, SABC-TV TAPED INTERVIEW WITH MRS. COLLINS.

5. DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE PROVIDED PLANE TO TRANSPORT MRS COLLINS AND MRS. YATES TO PIETERSBURG FOR VISIT TO HOMELAND OF LEBOWA ON JUNE 28, AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED. MRS. COLLINS TALKED WITH CHIEF MINISTER PHATUDI AND ADVISOR, WAS DRIVEN TO ( BLACK) UNIVERSITY OF THE NORTH AT TURFLOOP TO MEET STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS, AND TALKED WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN COMPANY ( FOOTE MINERAL) OPERATING SILICONE SMELTER NEAR PIETERSBURG.

6. ON RETURN FROM LEBOWA, MRS. COLLINS HELD SECOND PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT, AT WHICH SHE RELEASED TEXT OF DIGGS' LETTER. MRS. COLLINS AND MRS. YATES LEFT FOR KINSHASA TO REJOIN CODEL DIGGS ON MORNING JUNE 29.

7. AIRGRAM CONTAINING DETAILS AND ASSESSMENT OF VISIT BEING POUCHED.  
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